

07/14/10 Havre Area Workforce CMT minutes

Attending: Lynette McClenahan – REO, Carol Lamey & Brenda Evans – Havre Job Service, Val Golden – OPA, Shawn Swan – Job Corp, Edna Ball – Tribal TANF

### **Agency Updates**

REO – Rural Montana Saves started again with a 500/1500 match to use towards education related costs. Program is for individuals that live in Rural Communities, have a minor dependent, be 185% of poverty and not be receiving TANF. Reviewed National Farm Worker Program – must have worked in an Agriculture related field in the last 2 years, earned 50% of income from that employment and been seasonal or migrant worker.

OPA – SNAP has not dropped off during the summer. Flooding in Rocky Boy has impacted outreach due to lack of space as Clinic was closed and all those offices had to be relocated into other office space. 2 Medicaid workers from Rocky Boy are working out of Havre office. Havre OPA hired eligibility asst. Paula Lamere and she starts 07/22/10

Tribal TANF – Edna relayed that continues to be busy. Plan was submitted and waiting to be approved. There will be several Tribal TANF individuals that will be receiving their GED at the HRDC GED graduation ceremony and all Tribal participants receive a \$500 incentive.

Job Corp – Dorms in Anaconda have been remodeled. All centers are basically full although right now the students are on break. Bidding is out on contracts and waiting to receive word on these.

Job Service – Our office has unofficial permission to hire a temporary worker for 1 year, but waiting for finalization. Budgets are fine. Mike Cooney, Administrator from Helena visited our office recently. Office traffic continues to remain steady. Chamber will be holding a workshop for employers to write a safety plan which may assist in reducing workers compensation injuries and may allow them to be in a lower risk pool. Marla Hagen retired. UI continues to work off several different extensions and continue to be busy.

### **Committees**

Emergency planning – discussed need to have committee. Things to consider – can phones be forwarded, how to get access to programs needed to do day to day business, broadcasting services, etc.

JobLINC website – still waiting to see if/can be loaded onto HRDC server. Carol relayed that she is going to see if can be loaded onto our server.

**Next meeting** – September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at Job Service